# MEYER TO HUNT FOR **ELUSIVE DEBT LIMIT**

Majority Probers Declare Hylan Erred in Fixing

of Probe on Tuesday.

The Meyer committee is going to ie hunting for the city's deb limit until the clusive thing is located. While Comptroller Craig and the Hylan administration both rested yes terday on the contention they had disproven all of Elon R. Brown's charges, the committee was not satisfied and stated that a new line of attack would be made next week when the session are resumed in City Hall.

Three ex-Comptrollers of the city-Edward M. Grout, Bird S. Coler and Herman A. Metz-yesterday backed up Mr. Craig's stand that there was nothing illegal in the Hylan administo the 1921 instead of the 1920 assessent rolls. All three are Democrats.

intention of starting a test suit to determine the issues involved in the Brown-Craig controversy. The city's legal demunicipal bonds and credit and cost a arge sum to try. If such a test is made in the courts the Meyer committee or the courts the Meyer committee or it was regarded as certain that Judge

### Further Ordeal for Hylan.

Mayor Hylan will be recalled to the again question him regarding city finances. The committee has not fully decided, it is understood, whether to keep the Mayor on the stand continuously by starting at once the investigation into all the city departments over which he Mayor has jurisdiction. There are twenty-nine of those bureaus and offices. It is more probable that the departments will be taken up one at a time and the Mayor recalled frequently. Sentor Meyer, chairman, said the purpose was to ask the Mayor generally regarding the administration of city departments. Mr. Brown also will ask the Mayor about mandatory legislation which Mr. Hylan holds responsible for most of the city's ills.

When the Mayor has finished the Comptroller will be recalled. He has been assured he will have full opportunity to make any further attatement he wishes to have in the record. The Tammany members of the committee are framing a long series of questions which ain question him regarding city iances. The committee has not fully cided, it is understood, whether to keep

wishes to have in the record. The Tammany members of the committee are framing a long series of questions which they will put to the Comptroller, all of which will be designed to strengthen the position of the city administration. "These queries will be designed for campaigned to the comment of the city administration that the position of the city administration that the cit

The majority of the committee are supporting Mr. Brown in his contention that the Hylan administration violated constitutional provision by applying tax levy to the 1921 assessment rolls. The provision covering this point is "the last assessment roll." The tax is limited to 2 per cent, of the assessment. The committee holds that the 1921 roll is not available when the levy is applied and therefore automatically the roll must be that of the preceding year.

### ARNSTEIN ARRESTED BY TRAFFIC POLICEMAN to

Defies Rules and Gets Offen-ligan, his present candidate for President of the Aldermen, when newspaper sive, Cop Charges.

## 98-FOOT POWER YACHT OFF FOR TRIP AROUND WORLD

Party Equipped for Year and a Half of Exploration and Adventure, Aiming at the South

Basis of Tax Rate.

WILL RENEW ATTACK

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Three Ex-Comptrollers Go

to Support of Craig in Dispute With Brown.

NEVER DEBATED BEFORE

Hylan Is to Go Back on Witness Stand on Resumption of Probe on Tuesday.

The ninety-eight foot power yacht, Speedjacks, left her berth at the Consolidated Shipbuilding Docks, Morris Heights, and started down the Hariem River yesterday on the beginning of a cruise which will take her around the world and which is expected to last a year and a half.

Included in the party are Capt. Albert Y. Goewen and Mrs. Goewen of Chicago; F. Trevor Hogg, former Princeton football star; David Williams, sallor and navigator; Jack Lewis, chief engineer; James Stirling, radio operator and assistant engineer; Bernard J. Rogers, Jr., still photographer and taxidermist; Ira Jay Ingraham, moving picture photographer, and two professional cooks.

The cruise will include the northern coast of Africa, Arabia, India, the South

Sea Islands, the Philippines, China. Japan and possibly South America.

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## MURPHY SHOWS IRE | MURTHA AIDS LYONS CONCERNING TALLEY IN CURRAN CANVASS

Tammany Boss May Refuse Headquarters for the Fusion Justice Collins's Request to Resign Nomination.

Justice Cornelius F. Collins of the Judge Alfred J. Talley of that court, nomination who was turned down by Charles F. who was turned down by Charles F.

Murphy, wrote a letter yesterday to Edward E. Boyle, chairman of the Tammany executive committee. Judge Collins refused to disclose the nature of sel it was made plain that the city has many executive committee. Judge Collins refused to disclose the nature of the letter, and Mr. Boyle would not Mr. Lyons is out of town, which will

takes the position that the er is right and therefore it is letter contained Judge Collins's request that his name be withdrawn from the suit which might invalidate bonds and credit and cost a It was understood, however, that the partment takes the position that the Comptroller is right and therefore it is letter contained Judge Collins's request not the duty of the administration to in-

Collins's letter would break wide open the smoldering dissatisfaction that has kept the Tammany organization in a next Tuesday and Mr. Brown may turmoil ever since Murphy rejected Talley for redesignation without offering lican (

Judge Talley has steadfastly

## HASKELL-LA GUARDIA MERGER DISCUSSED

Aldermanic Head May Seek Renomination.

That the Haskell-La Guardia nego-tiations for a merger of their political forces in the primary campaign are still In the committee holds that the 1917 for is not available when the levy is applied and therefore automatically the roll must be that of the preceding year.

The three ex-Comptrollers were emphatic in their disagreement with Mr. Brown on this point. Mr. Grout. Comproller in the Low term, said:

"The levy always has been based on the current year's assessment and I have never before heard any question raised about it. I believe Comptroller Craig is right in this. It never showed itself as a debatable point when I was Comptroller."

Mr. Coler, now head of the Department of Public Welfare, said he never hime of Public Welfare, said he never here of Public Welfare, said he never hime of the Department of Public Welfare, said he never hime of the Department of the

The probability that Judge Haskell had that place in mind when talked to was strengthened by the fact that he was in conference with John J. Hal-

Mayoralty Campaign to Be Selected To-day.

John J. Lyons, Secretary of State Children's Court, who is reported to be who is managing the campaign of Henry ready to decline the Tammany designa- H. Curran, President of the Borough of for General Sessions in favor of Manhattan, for the Republican-Coalition e Alfred J. Talley of that court, was turned down by Charles F.

tion of headquarters to-day. It is to be somewhere in the Times Square

Following his declination of an in-dependent designation for the Republi-can nomination for Borough President of The Bronx, Edward Raldaris yesterday wrote to Richard W. Lawrence, chairman of the Bronx County Repub-lican Committee, assuring him of his support of the regular Republican ticket in the county and berough and of his desire to do everything possible for the

nomination of Mr. Curran.

George W. Baker, Republican-Coalition choice for Borough President of Brooklyn, telegraphed yesterday to his son, George W. Baker, Jr., asking him to correct the report circulated by independent camps that he would not run. "Tell the party leaders, the newspapers and everybody that I will run and I am going to be elected." he wired.

Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard, chairman of the Republican committee of 100.

of the Republican committee of 100, has written to Henry W. Taft, chairman of the anti-Tammany conference, man of the anti-Tammany confer that the Republican women will their support to the Curran ticket.

## BENNETT DENOUNCES 'REPUBLICAN TAMMANY

Give Organization Another Chance.

William M. Bennett, speaking last night in the clubhouse of Jacob A. Livingston, nominal Republican leader of Kings County, in the Twenty-second Assembly District. Brooklyn, in behalf of his independent candidacy for the Republican nomination for Mayor, assailed the regular Republican organization as a "second Tammany Hall within the Republican party." His attack, he said, was based largely on the failure of the Republican organization, to support him for Mayor after he had won the nomination in the primaries of 1917. He was at a loss to know how the regular Republican organization expected to

Wife Injured in Upset on Trip to Wisconsin.

dent of the Aldermen, when newspaper men called.

Jules W. Arnold of I West Eighty-third street, who has achieved a certain measure of fame as "Nicky" Arnstein, tried to drive his automobile cast on West Forty-fifth street last night. This is a westbound street only during the theatre hours and Arnstein was stoped near Sixth avenue by William C. Sullivan took Arnstein was stoped near Sixth avenue by William C. Sullivan took Arnstein on the West Forty-seventh street station, where he told the Lleutenant on duty that Arnstein had been effensive in manner and language. Arnstein, after he had been identified by a description furnished by his wife, an actrees, received a summons to appear in Traffic Court on Tuesday.

GUARANTY ACCUSES CLERK.

Re Made Untrue Statements About Its Solvency, Is Charge.

A charge of "giving out derozatory and untrue statements affecting the solvency of a bank" was made against William E. Bell of 371 Summit avenae. The Bronx, yesterday in Tombs Court by M. It Murray, Jr., secretary of the Guaranty Trust Company. Bell formerly was employed in the company's office at 140 Broadway. James Dunnet, an accountant, and Thomas F. Fitch teaching the solvency of the Burdens of the University and externation, and Thomas F. Fitch teaching the solvency of the Supreme Court. Part I.

DUNCAN IS ROYAL TREASURER, an Erros. Pick the care skilded to hearding Bell make the remarks.

Macinness, City's "Best" Account-the part of the benefit of the Alderman City's was a member of the banking from of Davis & Bayliss, Davis & Bayliss, Britanday, was injured when the automobile in which they were driving turned over measuring the offices which it desired to comply with the law in filing a statement.

Because the Prohibition party failed to the allow the William as stated at the Board of Elections that it may be necessary to throw out the party's designating petitions.

That would leave the Prohibitionists without a tloket to be voted on in the party's designating petitions.

Adderman George W. Harris petitions with

## 'FREE LOT' SWINDLE | VETERAN SWINDLED A \$5,000,000 GAME BY JAZZ BALL GAME

Salesmen Expected Harvest of Arthur Victor, Disabled in 10,000 Victims, Says L. M. Black

FEDERAL LAWS SOUGHT MAKES FRAUD CHARGES

Mancuso Inquiry Into Deals by Sharks.

to check the "free lot" swindle and other ersons. He said at the John Doe pro-

such operators.

At the request of James J. Wilson, Assistant District Attorney, the Magistrate granted an adjournment until September 12 to afford time to go over a mass of testimony. Then he said:

"New York has been pretty well cleared of these real estate sharks, but I have been told that they are now operating in other cities, in Washington, D. C., and in certain cities in New Jorsey. The result of the investigation so far has been very gratifying. Warrants for the arrest of ten persons connected with some of the companies investigated have been issued. I think that the investigation will ead to legislation which will exterminate this vicious and obnoxious practice of preying on the poor. But State legislation is not enough, and "New York has been pretty well cleared of these real estate sharks, but I have been told that they are now operating in other cities, in Washington, D. C., and in certain cities in New Jersey. The result of the investigation so far has been very gratifying. Warrants for the arrest of ten persons connected with some of the companies investigated vestigation will lead to legislation which will exterminate this vicious and obnoxious practice of preying on the poor. But State legislation is not enough, and it has occurred to me that Federal legislation would be appropriate, so that these blood sucking firms could be exterminated."

a meeting of recruits to the sales staff.
This was conducted by a man named
Auris, who boasted that he was the inventor of the "free lot" scheme.
"Girls made a house to house canvass
for leads," Flynn said. Then a man
followed the girl canvasser and announced that the person called upon had
won a "free lot."

nounced that the person called upon had won a 'free lot.' I was told not to be specific about the 'free lot,' but that I could shift the lot, and when the winner visited such a lot I was to dwell upon the fact that he or she was standing on her very own property, that it actually belonged to that person. Then it was suggested that the salesman persuade the winner of the 'free lot' to purchase other lots. The instructor added that if the person made any kick we were to give back the deposit."

Other real estate companies under investigation in the day were the Farm and Home Corporation of 401 Broad-way, which sold lots at Clovena Park, Staten Island and the Homesite Improve-ment Company, with holdings at Hunt-ington, L. I.

### HELLER SILENT ABOUT HOODOO PEAK EPISODE Naturalist Only Admits He

Photographed Bears.

bears.

Despatches from Cody said Mr. Heller rambled into Mammoth Hot Springs at about 11:30 P. M. Thursday night, just as Ned Frost, "Hurricane" Bill Herrick and "Sists" Thompson, local guides and hig game hunters, were preparing to the Arkansas,

War, Lost Life's Savings in Investment.

Warrants Out for Ten Here in Edwin A. Noblett Held With out Bail for Grand Jury Action.

Edwin Arden Noblett of 131 Riversid erday recommended Federal legislation Drive, Manhattan, was held for the nulct the savings of hundreds of poor charged with having swindled Arthu Victor, a disabled war veteran, out ceedings in the Municipal Term Court his life's savings of \$3,000 through that this seemed the only way to get at fraudulent advertisements published New York newspapers. The crowd in the court room cheered when the Magis

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Expected \$5,000,000 Haul.

Loring M. Black, former State Sentor, representing the complainants, said that at the time the investigation was findertaken about thirty "free lot" companies were operating in the city. They panies were operated at Coney Island, and on Apri

Three days age Mrs. Rose Neugebauer of 117 Mott street told her husband she could not withstand his jealous out-bursts. She went to live with her mother oursts. She went to live with her mother and sister at 163 West Tenth street. Neugebauer became repentant, but he knew his wife would not receive him for the called at the house. So he arranged to have her trunk sent there by an ex-

to have her trunk sent there by an ex-pressman, and when the door was opened the husband stepped in with it. Mrs. Neugebauer told him to get out. Both became enraged. Then, according to the police. Neugebauer drew a re-volver and shot his wife in the breast, killing her. Neugebauer ran from the house.

room of a tailor shop at 25 Greenwich avenue while his clothes were being pressed. At Police Headquarters Neugebauer was said to have explained that he loved his wife, but he had seen her with other men and he "couldn't stand it any longer." The couple have two

Neugebauer was arraigned in Jeffer-son Market court on a charge of homi-cide and held without bail for examina-

# TWO WARSHIPS ARRIVE

Photographed Bears.

It is that rid itself of its own Tamuany-like preclivities.

Edmund Heiler, the naturalist, who was reported lost on Hoodoo Peak, Yellingston had supported him after the primartes and that he expected him to support him again if nominated this time.

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The battleships wyoming and regived a telegram from the line ing he was safe and well and that he had wired Mrs. Heller, who is in California. The telegram stated that the naturalist had spent several nights on Hoodoo Peak photographing grizzly bears.

Despatches from Cody said Mr. Heller ramphed into Mammoth Hot Springs at simpled into Mammoth Hot Springs at simple from the Pacific coast. She is to leave Seattle to-day, of officers coast. She is to leave Scattle to-day, carrying wives and families of officers and enlisted men of the Wyoming and

## DEADLY ZOO COPPERHEAD BITES KEEPER IN ITS CAGE

James McArdle, Though Stung, Prevents Escape o Reptiles and Hurriedly Gets Antidotes, Aided by Raymond Ditmars, Who Sucks Wound.

ue, The Bronx, an assistant keeper at the reptile house in the New York Zoo-

James McArdie of 2080 Walton ave-ue, The Bronx, an assistant keeper at a tourniquet and bathed the finger in a strong solution of permanganate of

the reptile house in the New York Zoological Park, was bitten by a copperhead anake yesterday afternoon while he was cleaning a cage occupied by the copperhead and several moccasins. The reptile sprang at McArdle as he was scrubbing the floor of the cage with a long handled brush. It buried its fangs in the index finger of the keeper's left hand.

McArdle slammed the door before any of the snakes could escape and ran to the office of Raymond L. Ditmars, curator, only a few feet away. Mr. Dit-

### UNITED CIGAR CO. 4 TELL OF SHOOTING LAID TO DETECTIVE

Called to Clear Up Wounded Two Holdups Yesterday Yield Man's Ride in Subway Before His Death.

Four important witnesses in the case of Detective Jeremiah Haggerty, who is Lazaro near the Gun Hill road station a blackjack or made to lie on the floor

## POLICE WORLD WAR VETERANS REDUCED

ence in promotions was ordered yester-day by Police Commissioner Enright. Since the court decision these men have received pay at their reduced rank, it

inspection district and William F. Rod-ihan of the Twelfth inspection district and five sergeants have reached their present grade through regular promo-tion in the civil service list and will not be reduced, but will be reassigned. She Bombards Court and Re-

# SHIP VACCINATIONS

said that the treatment was far from the proper standard. He refused to be vaccinated and was told that he must appear before the American Consul and sign a release absolving the line and the surgeons of blame in case pestilence broke out.

Other complaining passengers were

Other complaining passengers were Prof. Herbert Martin of Drake University: Scott M. Bradford, a teacher of Goodrich, Col., and Col. Norman Merri-man, a broker of this city, was said he

Only \$252, but Total Is \$4,000.

ROBBED 31ST TIME

store clerk isn't confronted by a levelled charged with the shooting of Joseph revolver or whacked on the head with Lazaro near the Gun Hill road station of the Interborough subway, were examined yesterday by William J. Quigley, assistant District Attorney of The Bronx.

The four were a subway ticket agent and a ticket chopper, a conductor and a passenger. Joseph Pallazola, who was with Lazaro, had said the "revenue officer" who shot the latter boarded an Interborough train with them and then made them get off when he placed them under arrest. statement when the thirtieth and thirty-first robberies were staged

statement when the thirtieth and thirty-first robberies were staged yesterday. One was at Eighth avenue and Fifty-third street, where a clerk was forced to give up \$92, and the other ut 331 Livingston street, Brooklyn, where the bandits obtained \$160. Harry J. Barry, clerk of the Manhat-tan store, had just been held up by two bandits when a customer came in. One

madertaken about thirty anies were operating in the city. They are employing about 500 salesmen and from 200 to 250 girl canvassers.

When the salesmen and practically no girls at all, salesmen and smoking jacket. The detectives found a satchel which contained an empty wall safe with plaster still clinging to it, showing it had been ripped out; two sectional jimmles, a pair of kid gloves, a revolver with five cartridges, and a small pair of pilers. The man in the smoking jacket, identified as Robert Earle Normandy, was charged with violating the Sullivan law and having burglars' tools. He said he knew nothing about the satchel.

The reduction in rank of Capt. George Busby, in charge of detectives at the Clinton street station, to a lieutenant and of twenty sergeants to patrolmen because of the recent decision of the Court of Appeals that veterans of the world war were not entitled to preference in promotions was ordered yester-day by Police Court of Appeals Captage of the recent decision of the world war were not entitled to preference in promotions was ordered yester-day by Police Captage of the street, drew \$1,000 from a bank and last night went to 116 Second street to buy a Liberty bond from a friend there. The was attacked in the hallway by a man, who threw him down and, planting one foot on Biller's chest, drew out the packet of bills and fled. Later the police arrested a man who was said to have been supplied to the court of the co One Captain and 20 Sergeants arrested a man who was said to have been running, and the money was found in his pocket, it was said. The prisoner said he was Max Rothman of 225 East

## JUDGE, SHERIFF LICKED BY BOOTLEGGER'S WIFE

fuses to Go to Jail. Mrs. Kate Pontus of Manville, N. J.,

## SEEK NAME OF BABY FOUND WITH WOMAN Police Doubt Story of Brook-

lyn Wanderer.

The police of Brooklyn are seeking to find out whether an eighteen months old girl baby found in possession of Mrs. Cella Elvo of 66 Canal street, Manhatther road he came upon a priest who

# \$12,000 DUGUPINN.J. **RECALLS A WAR PLOT**

Finders Leave Gold in Tunnel as Hidden by Ger. man Lieutenant.

HE HAD FEUD WITH JAP

Slaying Followed Clash of Nationals in Former Home of Schumann-Heink.

PRIEST TOLD OF BURIAL

Realty Promoter Says Treasure Tale Has Nothing to Do With His Operation.

To begin with, a pave it on the word of Mr. Robischon that the fol-lowing story of the murdered Lieut. Wilhelm Bestorn's gold has nothing to do with Mr. Robischen's plan to erect, and sell a number of pretty lodges and camps on the fringes of his estate in the Ramapo Hills, near Singac, N. J.

Repeatedly yesterday Mr. Robischon deplored the necessity of the story appearing in the newspapers. But despite this he told it in all, or nearly all, its Robert Louis Stevenson detail. beginning with the Japanese butler's hatred and carrying on through the tale of German espionage, the story of Zelda Schumann-Heink, the secret of the lonely priest, and, finally, the discovery on Thursday afternoon to Joe Carpenter of the slain Lieutenant's

treasure-\$12,000 in double eagles. Mr. Robischon is E. W. Robischor head of the besiery and underwear corporation that bears his name a 1133 Broadway. Joe Carpenter is the caretaker of Mr. Robischon's place.

Five years ago Mr. Robischon bough the place from Ernestine Schumann Heink, the famous contralto. It is a stretch of rolling land on a high plastretch of rolling land on a high place teau overlooking the Ramapos and in-cluding two of the blunt heads of those hills. It extends for a couple of hun-dred acres between Singac and North Caldwell. The big house is in tune with

### Diva's Daughter Explains.

"You must know, Mr. Robischon," aid Miss Zelda Schumann-Heink

"You must know, Mr. Robischon." said Miss Zelda Schumann-Heink, daughter of the diva, "that there's something of a mystery about this place of ours. There was a Japanese butler we had here who hated Wilhelm—Wilhelm Besthorn, our gardener. The butler's gone. We had to get rid of him for the sake of peace right here at home. You see, Wilhelm is a reserve lieutenant in the Germany navy. To be sure he says he will never return to Germany; that he intends becoming an American citizen and all that, but the butler hated him—said that Wilhelm was a German spy and a propagandist. "But Wilhelm, who has been in California with us, says he knows different. He says the Japanese wants to roh him and that other Japanese have come all the way from the Pacific coast to help. That sounds absurd. But then there's talk of Wilhelm being a spy."

Mme. Schumann-Heink moved to her home in San Diego. Wilhelm Besthorn went along and continued as her gardener. At her behest he applied for his first papers of citizenship, but found that the secret service men were observing him. Japanese in California declared that he had been snooping around the Pacific Ocean; that being a mayal man him. Japanese in California declared that he had been snooping around the Pacific Ocean; that being a naval man he had taken many notes of Japanese marine forces and defences; that he was operating a hidden wireless station near the Schumann-Heink estate, and that he was receiving \$1,000 a month from the German imperial treasury to do under-

German imperial treasury to do under-ground service in America for the Kaiser. Secret service men found an ingenious be. But they did not find Besthorn there. They could only continue sus-pecting the Lieutenant and the Lieutenant simply denied everything when questioned. Mme. Schumann-Heink as-sured the Government men that the whole story was rot and that she would vouch for Wilhelm's harmlessness.

Dog Finds Slain Man. Some time between midnight and 5 o'clock on the morning of July 31, 1918. Lieut. Wilhelm Besthorn was murdered shot five or six times through the head and body.

and body.

found by his dog. The murderer was
never found.

Zelda Schumann-Heink, being in the Least at the time with her mother, looked up Mr. Robischon again. She told Mr. Robischon that Wilhelm had said, some time before his death, that he had buried \$12,000 in twenty dollar gold pieces in a tunnel that he had scraped out of the side of one of the hills on the old Jersey place.

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